



1982
AUSTRALIA
at a glance

Australian Bureau of Statistics

States of Australia

| | | N.S.W. | Vic. |
|--|----------------|---------|---------|
| Area | ' 000 sq km | 802 | 228 |
| Population (June 1981) ^a | ' 000 | 5 221.6 | 3 932.1 |
| Crops (area sown) 1980-81 | ' 000 hectares | 5 232 | 2 183 |
| Number of sheep 1980-81 | mil | 46.0 | 25.5 |
| Number of cattle 1980-81 | " | 5.5 | 4.3 |
| Output | | | |
| Wool (greasy basis) 1980-81 | m kg | 220.6 | 146.3 |
| Wheat for grain 1980-81 | ' 000 tonnes | 2 865 | 2 548 |
| Beef and veal 1980-81 | " | 373 | 360 |
| Mutton and lamb 1980-81 | " | 174 | 215 |
| Whole milk intake by factories 1980-81 | m litres | 778 | 3 065 |
| Copper (metallic content) 1979-80 | ' 000 tonnes | 19 | — |
| Lead (metallic content) 1979-80 | " | 237 | — |
| Zinc (metallic content) 1979-80 | " | 322 | — |
| Iron (metallic content) 1979-80 | " | — | 1 |
| Bauxite 1979-80 | " | 3 | 1 |
| Coal (brown in Victoria) 1979-80 | " | 48 975 | 36 245 |
| Gross value of production | | | |
| Agriculture 1980-81 ^b | \$ m | 3 060.7 | 2 801.3 |
| Forestry, fishing(a) and hunting 1979-80 | " | 177.2 | 97.9 |
| Value added | | | |
| Mining 1979-80 | " | 1 175 | 1 216 |
| Manufacturing(b) 1979-80 | " | 9 746 | 8 505 |
| Income per head of mean population 1979-80 | \$ | 6 851 | 6 798 |

(a) Value of pearling included in Australian total only.

(b) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons.

Capital cities

| | | Sydney | Melbourne |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Population (June 1980) | ' 000 | 3 231.7 | 2 759.7 |
| Average annual rainfall | mm | 1 215 | 661 |
| Average daily hours of sunshine | | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| Temperature | | | |
| January, average maximum | °C | 25.7 | 25.8 |
| average minimum | " | 18.3 | 13.9 |
| July, average maximum | " | 15.8 | 13.3 |
| average minimum | " | 7.8 | 5.7 |

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INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES—1980

| Country | Estimated Population | Surface Area | Gross Domestic Product | Consumer Price Index —All Groups 1975=100 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--|
| | '000 | km ² | \$A '000 m. | |
| Australia | 14 727 | 7 682 300 | 122.9 | 165.4 |
| Belgium | 9 857 | 30 513 | 61.9 | 136.1 |
| Canada | 23 941 | 9 976 139 | 167.9 | 152.1 |
| Denmark | 5 125 | 43 069 | 38.2 | 149.8 |
| Finland | 4 780 | 337 009 | 28.4 | 166.0 |
| France | 53 713 | 547 026 | 351.3 | 164.5 |
| Germany, Fed. Rep. of | 61 566 | 248 577 | 443.7 | 122.3 |
| Greece | 9 599 | 131 944 | 22.6 | 212.5 |
| Ireland | 3 428 | 70 283 | 8.5 | 193.2 |
| Italy | 57 042 | 301 225 | 205.3 | 219.2 |
| Japan | 116 782 | 372 313 | 564.8 | 137.8 |
| Luxembourg | 365 | 2 586 | 2.3 | 134.2 |
| Netherlands | 14 144 | 40 844 | 83.4 | 133.8 |
| Norway | 4 087 | 324 219 | 31.6 | 150.0 |
| Portugal | 9 966 | 92 082 | 16.5 | 268.3 |
| Spain | 37 381 | 504 782 | 104.0 | 234.5 |
| Sweden | 8 316 | 449 964 | 67.5 | 164.6 |
| Switzerland | 6 373 | 41 288 | 51.3 | 112.2 |
| Turkey | 45 078 | 780 576 | 37.8 | 750.5 |
| United Kingdom | 56 010 | 244 046 | 221.1 | 196.4 |
| U.S.A. | 227 658 | 9 363 123 | 1 602.0 | 153.2 |

Sources: For foreign countries OECD *Main Economic Indicators*, October 1981.

Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for December 1981 (selling rates).

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| U.K. 59 new pence | U.S.A. U.S. \$1.13 | Japan 246 Yen | New Zealand N.Z. \$1.36 |
| Germany (F.R.) 2.54 D.M. | Canada Can. \$1.33 | France 6.42 Francs | Italy 1 356 lire |

DEMOGRAPHY AND MANPOWER

1978-79

1979-80

1980-81

Population and vitals

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|--------|--------|---------|
| Population at 30 June | '000 | 14 422 | 14 616 | p14 856 |
| aged less than 15 | % | 25.7 | p25.3 | n.y.a. |
| aged 15-64 | .. | 64.9 | p65.1 | n.y.a. |
| aged 65 and over | .. | 9.4 | p9.6 | n.y.a. |
| Births | '000 | 223 | 224 | p231 |
| Deaths | .. | 108 | 107 | p110 |
| Marriages | .. | 104 | 107 | p111 |

Overseas movements

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Net permanent and long term movement | 000 | +58 | +77 | +119 |
| Visitors arriving short term | " | 700 | 877 | 914 |
| Residents departing short term | " | 1 132 | 1 205 | 1 195 |

Labour force

| | '000 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Civilian labour force, May—males | 4 119 | 4 201 | 4 257 | |
| females | 2 321 | 2 450 | 2 496 | |
| Unemployed persons, May | 397 | 414 | 376 | |
| Job vacancies, May | 34.3 | 29.8 | 35.7 | |
| Trade union membership, December | 2 826 | 2 869 | 2 944 | |
| Industrial disputes, work days lost | 3 630 | 3 326 | 2 903 | |

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

| | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wage rates index, adult males | 1954=100 | 560 | 609 | 674 |
| Earnings (per employed male unit) | \$ | 226.60 | 247.90 | 281.30 |
| Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-manual adult males, May | No. | 41.3 | 41.3 | 41.3 |

FINANCE

Government finance

| | £ m | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
|------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Current receipts (all governments) | | 32 108 | 37 426 | 43 884 |
| Cw/ith income tax, persons | .. | 12 797 | 15 040 | 17 543 |
| Other Cw/ith government taxes | .. | 10 737 | 12 512 | 15 232 |
| State and local government taxes | .. | 5 931 | 6 683 | 7 695 |
| Total outlay (all governments) | .. | 38 735 | 43 152 | 49 449 |
| Final consumption expenditure | .. | 16 815 | 18 762 | 22 056 |
| Transfers to persons | .. | 9 512 | 10 341 | 11 683 |
| Expenditure on new fixed assets | .. | 8 181 | 8 805 | 9 786 |

Private finance

| | | | | |
|--|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Trading bank deposits, June balances | \$ m | 22 179 | 25 643 | 29 306 |
| Savings bank deposits, June balances | " | 19 839 | 21 268 | 23 227 |
| Housing loans approved to individuals | | | | |
| Trading banks | " | 1 006 | 1 051 | 1 236 |
| Savings banks | " | 2 635 | 2 797 | 2 813 |
| Permanent building societies | " | 2 140 | 2 416 | 2 464 |
| Other significant lenders | " | 1 089 | 1 183 | 1 460 |
| Finance companies, loan balances, June | " | 16 511 | 18 821 | 22 773 |
| New money raised: listed companies | | | | |
| Shares | " | 330 | 1 082 | 2 147 |
| Debentures, secured notes etc. | " | 878 | 1 453 | 1 616 |
| Life insurance: value of new policies | " | 22 275 | 26 964 | 30 847 |

PRODUCTION AND RETAIL SALES

1978-79 1979-80 1980-81

Agriculture

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Gross value of agriculture | \$ m | 10 233 | 11 786 | p11 643 |
| Crops | " | 4 917 | 5 541 | p5 395 |
| Livestock slaughtering etc. | " | 3 098 | 3 659 | p3 447 |
| Livestock products | " | 2 218 | 2 568 | p2 802 |
| Wheat production | ' 000 tonnes | 18 090 | 16 188 | p10 870 |
| Wool production | " | 704 | 709 | p700 |
| Meat production | " | 2 708 | 2 332 | p2 279 |

Mining

| | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Bauxite | ' 000 tonnes | 25 541 | 27 629 | 25 876 |
| Iron ore(a) | " | 84 595 | 96 998 | 94 499 |
| Black coal | " | 81 197 | 81 249 | 96 686 |
| Crude oil | ' 000 cu. m. | 24 839 | 23 647 | 23 031 |
| Natural gas | million cu. m. | 7 686 | 8 876 | 10 443 |

Manufacturing

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Steel ingots | ' 000 tonnes | 7 541 | 7 895 | 7 954 |
| Cement | " | 5 117 | 5 354 | 5 734 |
| Tobacco and cigarettes | " | 30 | 30 | 30 |
| Beer | m. litres | 1 965 | 1 942 | 1 981 |
| Finished motor vehicles | ' 000 | 435 | 416 | 373 |
| Electricity | m kWh | 90 857 | 95 910 | 100 782 |
| Electric motors— under 720 W | ' 000 | 2 841 | 3 352 | 3 648 |
| Yarn—Cotton | ' 000 kg | 21 203 | 21 868 | 22 339 |
| Wool | " | 20 113 | 20 134 | 19 310 |

**Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles,
parts, petrol etc.)**

| | | | |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| \$ m | 26 170 | 29 098 | 33 183 |
|------|--------|--------|--------|

PRICE INDEXES

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Consumer (6 capital cities) | 1966-67=100 | 261 | 287 | 314 |
| Export | 1974-75=100 | 144 | 174 | n.y.a. |
| Building materials—House | 1966-67=100 | 268.1 | 302.9 | 344.0 |
| Other | 1979-80=100(b) | 88.6 | 100.0 | 112.9 |
| Manufacturing | | | | |
| Materials used | 1968-69=100 | 248.8 | 321.8 | 353.2 |
| Articles produced | " | 237.4 | 274.9 | 305.2 |

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | \$ m | 101 663 | 114 348 | 130 119 |
| Gross farm product | " | 6 471 | 7 462 | 6 970 |
| GDP at 1974-75 prices | " | 68 426 | 69 701 | 71 738 |
| Gross farm product at 1974-75 prices | " | 4 982 | 4 578 | 4 016 |
| Gross fixed capital expenditure | " | 23 099 | 25 135 | 31 095 |
| Gross fixed capital exp.—private | " | 14 917 | 16 330 | 21 309 |
| Household income | " | 86 921 | 96 415 | 109 099 |
| Personal consumption expenditure | " | 62 122 | 69 834 | 78 352 |

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

1978-79 1979-80 1980-81

Overseas trade

| | | | | |
|---|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total exports, f.o.b. | \$ m | 14 243 | 18 870 | 19 169 |
| Total imports | " | 13 752 | 16 218 | 18 964 |
| Percentage of total exports to—Japan | % | 28.9 | 26.9 | 27.3 |
| E.E.C. | " | 14.3 | 14.3 | 12.4 |
| Percentage of total imports from—E.E.C. | " | 25.7 | 23.6 | 20.3 |
| U.S.A. | " | 23.5 | 22.1 | 22.0 |

Major export commodities, f.o.b.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Wool (greasy) | \$ m | 1 227 | 1 283 | 1 456 |
| Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen) | " | 1 650 | 1 650 | 1 524 |
| Wheat | " | 794 | 2 177 | 1 729 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | " | 673 | 857 | 1 078 |
| Metalliferous ores and metal scrap | " | 2 478 | 3 245 | 3 306 |
| Coal, coke and briquettes | " | 1 533 | 1 688 | 1 981 |
| Sugar | " | 448 | 667 | 1 146 |

Major import commodities

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Machinery | " | 3 645 | 3 932 | 4 995 |
| Transport equipment | " | 2 086 | 1 723 | 2 038 |
| Petroleum and petroleum products | " | 1 137 | 2 094 | 2 719 |

Balance of payments

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| Balance on current account | \$ m | -3 817 | -2 193 | -5 578 |
| Balance of trade (B.O.P. basis) | " | 582 | 2 751 | -339 |
| Net invisibles | " | -4 399 | -4 945 | -5 239 |
| Net apparent capital inflow | " | 3 693 | 1 892 | 6 728 |
| Government capital | " | 1 353 | -85 | 5 |
| Private capital | " | 1 809 | 1 764 | 4 998 |
| Non-official monetary sector | " | 59 | 143 | -32 |
| Net official monetary movements | " | -124 | -301 | 1 149 |

TRANSPORT

| | | | | |
|--|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Motor vehicles on register, June | ' 000 | 7 358 | 7 574 | n.y.a. |
| Cars and station wagons, June | " | 5 657 | 5 799 | n.y.a. |
| New motor vehicles registered | " | 618 | 622 | 665 |
| Civil aviation (passenger km) | | | | |
| Regular internal services | mil. | 8 620 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| Overseas services (Australian airline) | " | 14 318 | 16 296 | n.y.a. |

BUILDING

| | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New houses (number completed) | ' 000 | 93.1 | 100.1 | 101.5 |
| New other dwellings (number completed) | " | 24.1 | 29.2 | 34.4 |
| Value of new dwellings completed | \$ m | 3 530 | 4 175 | 4 876 |
| Value of other buildings completed | " | 2 800 | 3 342 | 3 309 |

(a) Includes iron concentrates and iron ore for pellet production.

(b) The index number for 1978-79 has been linked as at July 1979.

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated.

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|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 727 | 984 | 2 526 | 68 | 1 316 | 2 | 7 682 |
| 2 311.9 | 1 308.1 | 1 292.3 | 426.9 | 129.8 | 233.5 | 14 856.1 |
| 2 467 | 2 775 | 5 550 | 83 | 1 | 1 | 18 294 |
| 10.6 | 17.0 | 30.8 | 4.3 | — | 0.1 | 134.4 |
| 9.9 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | — | 25.2 |
| 46.5 | 102.8 | 163.8 | 20.0 | — | 0.4 | 700.4 |
| 490 | 1 649 | 3 315 | 3 | — | — | 10 870 |
| 434 | 94 | 127 | 38 | 34 | 7 | 1 466 |
| 23 | 68 | 76 | 17 | — | 6 | 579 |
| 516 | 319 | 214 | 289 | — | — | 5 181 |
| 170 | 14 | 3 | 21 | 8 | — | 235 |
| 151 | 9 | n.p. | 21 | — | — | n.p. |
| 123 | — | — | 73 | — | — | 518 |
| — | 1 710 | 58 093 | 1 515 | — | — | 61 319 |
| 9 377 | — | 13 309 | — | 4 939 | — | 27 629 |
| 27 233 | 1 723 | 3 039 | 279 | — | — | 81 249 |
| 2 414.3 | 1 324.6 | 1 677.2 | 273.1 | 84.7 | 7.5 | 11 643.3 |
| 107.1 | 60.6 | 122.7 | 108.1 | 16.8 | 4.4 | 713.0 |
| 1 511 | 138 | 1 165 | 247 | 154 | 1 | 5 609 |
| 2 692 | 2 233 | 1 643 | 654 | 77 | 64 | 25 614 |
| 6 328 | 6 540 | 6 341 | 6 035 | 6 802 | 7 766 | 6 675 |

s employed at end of year

| <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Derwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 028.9 | 934.2 | 902.0 | 170.2 | n.y.a. | 245.5 |
| 1 157 | 531 | 879 | 633 | 1 536 | 639 |
| 7.5 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 21.4 | 32.2 | 27.5 |
| 20.6 | 16.4 | 17.7 | 11.5 | 25.0 | 12.9 |
| 20.3 | 15.0 | 17.3 | 11.4 | 30.4 | 11.1 |
| 9.4 | 7.3 | 9.0 | 4.4 | 19.6 | -0.3 |

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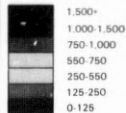
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0 500 1,000
 SCALE (kilometres)

ANNUAL RAINFALL mm (median)



DISTANCE (kilometres)

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Sydney-Perth | 3,400 |
| Adelaide-Darwin | 2,700 |
| Darwin-Singapore | 3,400 |
| Sydney-Tokyo | 7,900 |
| Sydney-San Francisco | 12,100 |
| Sydney-London | 17,100 |

AREA ('000 sq. kilometres)

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Australia | 7,682 |
| Europe (excl. USSR) | 4,920 |
| USA (excl. Alaska) | 7,850 |
| United Kingdom | 230 |

